

Abstract of the Disclosure

To provide a retardation film (optical compensation sheet) using a liquid crystal compound excellent in both the wavelength dispersion property and the refractive index anisotropy, disclosed is a retardation film having an optically anisotropic layer formed of a compound represented by formula (I): $[(R^1)_a-M-(L^1)]_b-(L^2)$, wherein R^1 represents an alkyl group, at least one $-CH_2-$ group in the alkyl group may be substituted by $-O-$, $-S-$, $-C(=O)-$, $-N(R^2)-$, $-CH=CH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$, R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, M represents a group comprising three or more aromatic rings, L^1 represents a single bond or a divalent alkylene group, the $-CH_2-$ group in the alkylene group may be substituted by $-O-$, $-S-$, $-C(=O)-$ or $-N(R^2)-$, L^2 represents a b-valent cyclic, alkene or alkyne group, a represents the number of R^1 s substituted to M, and b represents an integer of 2 to 6.